

Pryor (for Inouye) Amendment No. 4138, to revise the section requiring a study of preventable injuries and deaths of minority children related to certain consumer products. **Pages S1693, S1696**

Pryor (for Snowe) Amendment No. 4143, to ensure that the Commission appropriately addresses impacts on small businesses of the revised civil penalties provisions. **Pages S1693, S1696**

Pryor (for Kyl) Modified Amendment No. 4116, to provide that attorney-client privileged information shall retain the same protections that would apply in private civil litigation if private counsel is retained to pursue an enforcement action authorized under this Act. **Pages S1693, S1696**

Pryor (for Kyl) Modified Amendment No. 4118, to require a court to review the reasonableness of fees paid to private counsel retained in an enforcement action that is authorized under this Act. **Pages S1693, S1696**

Pryor Amendment No. 4090, of a technical nature. **Pages S1669, S1693**

Cardin Amendment No. 4103, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to develop training standards for product safety inspectors. **Pages S1669, S1693**

Dorgan Amendment No. 4098, to ban the importation of toys made by companies that have a persistent pattern of violating consumer product safety standards. **Pages S1669, S1693**

Pryor (for Casey) Modified Amendment No. 4109, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to study the use of formaldehyde in the manufacturing of textiles and apparel articles and to prescribe consumer product safety standards with respect to such articles. **Pages S1669, S1693**

Pryor (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 4108, to provide appropriate procedures for individual actions by whistleblowers, to provide for the appropriate assessment of costs and expenses in whistleblower cases. **Pages S1669, S1693, S1696**

Rejected:

Vitter Amendment No. 4097, to allow the prevailing party in certain civil actions related to consumer product safety rules to recover attorney fees. (By 56 yeas and 39 nays (Vote No. 40), Senate tabled the amendment). **Pages S1669-71**

Withdrawn:

Dorgan Amendment No. 4122, to strike the provision allowing the Commission to certify a proprietary laboratory for third party testing. **Page S1669**

DeMint Amendment No. 4124, to strike section 31, relating to garage door opener standards. **Page S1669**

Brown/Casey Amendment No. 4132, to authorize the temporary refusal of admission into the customs territory of the United States of consumer products

manufactured by companies that have violated consumer product safety rules. **Pages S1679-82**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

The motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn. **Page S1694**

Subsequently, S. 2663 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S1694**

Iowa State University of Science and Technology: Senate agreed to S. Res. 475, congratulating Iowa State University of Science and Technology on its 150 years of leadership and service to the United States and the world as Iowa's land-grant university. **Pages S1716-17**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S1718**

Messages from the House: **Page S1702**

Measures Referred: **Page S1702**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:
Pages S1661-62, S1702-03

Measures Read the First Time:
Pages S1703, S1717-18

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S1703**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1703-05**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
Pages S1705-12

Additional Statements: **Pages S1701-02**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1712-16**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1716**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—41) **Pages S1671, S1697**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:00 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 7, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1718.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of

Commerce, after receiving testimony from Carlos Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Mary E. Peters, Secretary, and Phyllis F. Scheinberg, Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Transportation.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Southern and Northern Command, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from General Victor E. Renuart, Jr., USAF, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, and Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN, Commander, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense.

GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ENTERPRISES REGULATION REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming the regulation of government sponsored enterprises, after receiving testimony from William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Vincent E. Malta, National Association of Realtors, and Nancy O. Andrews, Low Income Investment Fund, both of San Francisco, California; Kieran P. Quinn, Mortgage Bankers Association, Atlanta, Georgia; and Gerald M. Howard, National Association of Home Builders, McLean, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2008 and for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.

U.S. COAST GUARD BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Coast Guard and conduct oversight, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thad

W. Allen, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen L. Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

ADMINISTRATION'S 2008 TRADE AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's 2008 trade agenda, focusing on Trade Adjustment Assistance, pending free trade agreements, and the Doha Development Round of multilateral trade negotiations, after receiving testimony from Ambassador Susan C. Schwab, United States Trade Representative.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Douglas H. Shulman, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Also, Committee reported the following subcommittee assignments for the 110th Congress.

Subcommittee on Health Care: Senators Rockefeller (Chairman), Kerry, Bingaman, Lincoln, Wyden, Stabenow, Cantwell, Salazar, Hatch, Grassley, Snowe, Kyl, Roberts, Bunning, and Ensign;

Subcommittee on Taxation, IRS Oversight, And Long-Term Growth: Senators Conrad (Chairman), Baucus, Wyden, Cantwell, Schumer, Stabenow, Salazar, Kyl, Roberts, Sununu, Snowe, Crapo, and Hatch;

Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, And Infrastructure: Senators Bingaman (Chairman), Conrad, Kerry, Lincoln, Wyden, Cantwell, Salazar, Bunning, Smith, Hatch, Crapo, Ensign, and Sununu;

Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, And Family Policy: Senators Kerry (Chairman), Rockefeller, Conrad, Schumer, Ensign, Kyl, and Sununu; and

Subcommittee on International Trade And Global Competitiveness: Senators Lincoln (Chairman), Baucus, Rockefeller, Bingaman, Stabenow, Schumer, Smith, Crapo, Snowe, Roberts, and Bunning.

(The chairman and ranking minority member are ex officio members of all subcommittees.)

CURRENT UNEMPLOYMENT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unemployment in the economy, focusing on ways to secure families and build opportunities, after receiving testimony from M. Patricia Smith, New York Department of Labor, Albany; former Senator William E. Brock, III, Annapolis, Maryland; Alan B. Krueger, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; and Ronica Jackson, Boston, Massachusetts.

INDIAN COUNTRY FACILITIES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of facilities in Indian

country, focusing on jails, schools, and health facilities, after receiving testimony from Randy Grinnell, Deputy Director for Management Operations, and Gary Hartz, Director, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, both of the Indian Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Jack Rever, Director, Facilities, Environmental, Safety and Cultural Resources, and Pat Ragsdale, Director, Office of Law Enforcement Services, both of the Department of the Interior; Domingo Herraiz, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice; Valerie Davidson and Rick Boyce, both of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage; Wendsler Nosie, San Carlos Apache Tribe, San Carlos, Arizona; and Monty Roessel, Rough Rock Community School, Rough Rock, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2449, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, with amendment;

S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, with amendments; and

The nominations of Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General, and Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an As-

sistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, Brian Stacy Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, James Randal Hall, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, William Joseph Hawe, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington, Stanley Thomas Anderson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, and John A. Mendez, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine a sundry of associations' outlook on veterans affairs issues and to receive their legislative presentations, after receiving testimony from Warren G. King, Sr., American Ex-Prisoners of War, Randy L. Pleva, Sr., Paralyzed Veterans of America, Lawrence Schulman, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Norman Jones, Jr., Blinded Veterans Association, John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Sergeant Major H. Gene Overstreet, USMC (Ret.), Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, and Richard M. Dean, Air Force Sergeants Association, all of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 5541–5560; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 311; and H. Res. 1024–1030 were introduced.

Pages H1416–17

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H1417–18

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1312, to expedite adjudication of employer petitions for aliens of extraordinary artistic ability, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–540). **Page H1416**

Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act: The House began consideration of H.R.

2857, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws. Further proceedings were postponed.

Pages H1345–93, H1393–98

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Daniel E. Lungren motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 191 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 107.

Pages H1395–98

Representative Kuhl moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House